

"There's a lot of carbon scoring here. Looks like you guys have seen some action".

"Yes...sometimes I'm amazed we're in as good a shape as we are..what with the Rebellion and all."

"The Rebellion! You know of the Rebellion against the Empire? Have you been in many battles?"

"Uh, several...I think. But then again, maybe it's just from some of those scorching letters in

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The NEW BRUTUS BULLETIN

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is a newsletter of postal Diplomacytm brought to you every few weeks by John Michalski, Rt 10, Box 526-Q, Moore, OK 73165. (That's "mih-HOLL-skee"). Subs are available at the rate of 12/\$4. There may well still be some openings in a 2-week-deadline game, my last for a long time, for \$2 plus sub or \$3 without sub, and openings in a 10-day-deadline game under a guest gamemaster for \$4 flat fee. Send the latter to Jack Frost, RR 4 Box 138-B, Lockport, IL 60441. The New BRUTUS BULLETIN specializes in FAST games, black press, and all the letters and filler I can pack into the 2 oz limit. Contributions of all kinds are welcome, especially with my 50th issue coming up next time around; anything that will xerox is fine.

THIS ISSUE is basically my second anniversary issue, as it was the latter part of November, 1977, that saw the start of this project, and I think it will be mailed out then. On the other hand, at the rate people keep writing me interesting to outrageous letters, #50 may be my second annish. The only thing that may hold this one up until that time was my promise in #48 to give you a three-week break from finding still another BB in your mailbox. I know I publish twice as fast as a lot, but if I put out 3 to some others 1, I'd feel embarrassed. Also, publishing fast makes me feel bad. I send out a lot, so then I think, 'Gee, I haven't seen a TORONTO TELEGRAM or MURDRIN MINISTERS or EGGNOG or DRAGON & LAMB or BEHOLDER or (whatever) in quite a while', when really they're not late at all. I'm just early.

LEAD-INS in recent issues, in case they make no sense to you, come from dialogue segments from STAR WARS. If you don't understand them, write Tony Watson of RURITANIA (201 Minnesota St, Las Vegas, NV 89107) who can help you. He has seen STAR WARS more than half again as many times as me, 23 to 14, so far. (It will no doubt be rereleased as a lead in to THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK, "coming to your galaxy, next summer".) Our scores may change then.

CAVEAT EMPTOR III: Bill LaFosse and Dan Falter (so far) have made the point that perhaps the new GM mentioned in an earlier warning was going by the old 1961 rules or something like that, as that rule was once worded just as his inquiry implied. Dan writes "A fair number of us here had our games turned upside down when we found out it didn't". Fair enough.

Speaking of new GM's, yet another new zine has appeared in the mailbox, this one called EMHAIN MACHA, published by Michael Mills, 3457 Makyes Road, Nedrow, NY 13120. Gamefee \$2 plus \$1 refundable, subs 6 for \$2.50 (42¢) or 12 for \$4.80 (40¢). Accepts preference lists, and hopes to group players according to their experience under a complicated system of ranking and classes. I doubt that will last in its present form for very long at all, as there are not all that many players seeking entries with so many openings as the hobby currently has, and his points system considers your old results in wipeout games as well as win/draws, and I for one forget those promptly and

couldn't tell you my losses if you paid me. In fact, I probably couldn't tell you all the DRAWS I've figured in, though I hope I could remember most. And how many total games? Forget it. While I'm on the subject, I should mention that I really disagree with the whole idea of ranking in any case. While "all-novice" games are a nice feature sometimes, what do they gain from that? Seven players who don't know what they're doing? You LEARN from your mistakes and successes, and the best way to learn is by jumping in with the best and the worst, the honest and the "Oaklyn"s, and trying your wings. To play among other novices is a waste of time. What can you learn from an error, or even a VICTORY there? But I digress.

Back to EMHAIN MACHA (brother of Chewbacca?). Repro is good, 5 sheets, 10 pages, contains articles, house rules, editorial notes, and a "Subscription Application and Game Entry Form". First time I ever saw someone ask you to apply for a sub, but I guess EM will have high standards. Mike also promises to refund your sub fee if EM folds during your sub.

CORRECTIONS to last issue: It turns out that Dave Pilant is French (+German, but apparently Pilant's French) when for some reason I could have sworn it was Irish by an earlier statement. Also, Curtis Gibson points out that I misread one of his "K.+B." as "K.B.", and typed up "Konrad Baumeister" when it should have read "Kemper + Blevins". See his letter within for details. Apologies to one and all.

FRED DAVIS, Ombudsman and Acting IDA President, reports the following are either candidates or nominees in the latest COUNCIL COURIER for IDA offices for 1980 elections: Eric Verheiden, Treasurer; Scott Marley (UTOPIA), Periodicals Editor; Victor Ricci, Special Projects; Cal White, Canadian Representative; and suggested are Konrad Baumeister for Ombudsman, Rod Walker for US Representative. I have asked for the current results of the ongoing presidential election of theirs, but apparently nothing is settled or available yet. I'll let you know as soon as there is any news.

ZINES RECEIVED is a nice little column I like to do every now and then, and in fact have a bunch ready for typing, but this issue is too full already, so I'll only be able to run 1 season per game this time and carry 2R over to #50. Fifty already has over a half dozen pages waiting to go, so a few more won't hurt it any. No need to even try and keep it down to size: I know now that I will be pushing the 4 oz limit, and it is mainly a matter of typing up all the huge stack of stuff sitting here right now, to say nothing of whatever might come along in weekd ahead, even ignoring the 4 game deadlines in the next 6 days...

JOHN KELLEY reports that his BEHOLDER will be delayed just a tad, as he is in the process of buying his own machine.

LAST TWO-WEEK GAME will start by the end of this month, one way or the other. Two spots are left, and I will fill them with volunteers just to get it going, if need be. Watch for it in #51. Enough BS for now; how about some words of wisdom from HA'GAR?

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Supplement to TnBB, featuring the third 10-day special
GM: Jack Frost

RUSSIA ATTACKS EVERYONE SHE CAN!
ITALY CLAIMS GREENLAND!

Summer 1903: GERMANY retreats F Hel-HOL

Fall 1903:

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FRANCE (Sniegowski): (NMR) A GAS, A PAR hold

GERMANY (Pilant): A Mun-BER; A Kie sup A Mun-Ber, dislodged, destroyed; F Hol-Bel, dislodged, destroyed; A RUM sup F Hol-Bel

ITALY (McMahon): F Mid-NAO; A Mar-SPA; A TYR sup Austrian A Sil-Mun; F Tyn-WES; F GRE sup F Ion; F ION sup F Gre

RUSSIA (Michalski); F Den-KIE; F BAL sup F Den-Kie; A Gal-WAR; F Bla-ANK; A MOS sup A Gal-War; A RUM sup Austrian A Ser-Bul

TURKEY (Osuch): F EAS-Ion; A CON-Bul; F Bul(s.c.)-Gre, dislodged, destroyed; F AEG sup F Bul(s.c.)-Gre

Who will be the first out? Will France get his orders in? Will Italy find the Northwest Passage? Will anyone ever trust Russia again? The answers to these and other questions will begin unfolding by noon on November 10, because the Austrian retreat, Winter '03 adjustments, and Spring '04 orders are due then. (See the note to Fall '02 for conditional orders.)

#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
6	+1 or +2	Austria	Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, WAX , BUL, MUN
6	+1	England	Edi, Lon, Wal, Nwy, Hol, BEL
2	0	France	Bre. BEL . PAR

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I'm sure Mark will agree, but as publisher of B, I'm not sure if I do.
I've written Kendler and McLendon individually on this with my views. What they
thought of it.
I'm certain you're right. As was Ouster in camping along the Little Big Horn.
((the best of friends.))
I'm enjoying the lake and they're staging for our amusement. But, you know,
I regard both Gibson and Baumeister as two of the most intelligent people in the
about THAT for a while and see if it makes sense.
players who are in his games in those zines? "He writes good press!" says McLendon! Think
keep slipping Oaklyn into their games. Why not send a few, er... words of wisdom to the
You touched on a point that's had me stewing for weeks—why Kendler and McLendon
I've read to date on the topic....
That response from Mark Berch to Bassett was about the most intelligent piece that

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"IT'S A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY" BECOMES NEW
SPANISH NATIONAL ANTHEM

1373

FALL, 1909

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Lvn-StP; F BLA H inexorably

ENGLAND (Mitchell): F SPasc H

FRANCE (Brown): A POR, GAS, & MAR S F Mid-Spasc; F MID-Spasc; F IRI-Mid;
F BRE S F Iri-Mid; A NWY S GERMAN F StPnc

GERMANY (Kirchner): A BUR S FRANCE A Mar; F ENG S FRENCH F Mid/OTM; A MUN H;
A RUH & A KIE S A Mun; A BER H; F BAL S A Ber; F STPnc H

ITALY (Guajardo): A PIE-Mar; A VEN-Pie; F NAF-Mid; F GLYO & F WES S ENGLISH F
Spasc; F TUN-Naf; F Tyn-ION

1909: A: Vie Bud Ser Bul Rum Con Ank Sev Mos War	10	even
E: For SPA	1	even
F: Home Spa Lvp Lon Edi Nwy POR	8	even
G: Home Den Hol Bel Swe StP	8	even
I: Home Tri Tun Gre Smy	<u>7</u>	even
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Another exciting year, hey? Let's try it again. SPRING, 1910, will be due with my mail received at the office address MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1979. All draws and concesssions failed. There was no press.

LETTERS

Another late entry from PEGGY GEMIGNANI
Oct 30, 1979

John:

I will be waiting your hard proof about Bernie being Buddy Tretick. I am no fool, I have your word against Bernie's. Nixon had hard proof on him which you can't get against Bernie right now. No tapes, no men confusing to crimes directed by Bernie. No convincing of crimes done by his aids.

But there is something you can do. You can get ridge of people like Alan and others whom you suspense of doing dashastly acts in Diplomacy. You can defeat them on the Diplmacy board and take them out of the game. Then you will have gotten ridge of them. I ansure you would enjoy this and others would be glad to help you out. I do have proof of some of these characters' intentions.

Peggy

((From your fragmentary letter, you seem to feel that you can believe Bernie is not Buddy because Bernie says he isn't—that doesn't make sense. Next, do you expect a picture of Buddy in a phone booth, caught in the act of changing into Bernie? The articles sent show the Oaklyn-Tretick fraud for just what it is. However, as you have chosen to believe Bernie instead of all the rest of the hobby, I doubt you will try something new like thinking for yourself. After all, you are no fool, you have Bernie's word. Go back to sleep, Peggy))

NYC MINUS TEN-The Democrats approach a 2½ candidate race

OK folks and sheep-its now all out in the open. Kennedy is running. Carter's collapse has apparantly hit bottom. Brown is off in the fringes. Now the fun begins.(1)Kennedy did a lot better in Florida than the news indicated. In one of Carter's best states, with a bozo amateur effort going against some fairly bright pros he came within a few hundred votes of stealing the whole thing.(2) This is more a reflection of Kennedy's star quality and Carter's popularity than a barometer of the race.(3)Don't follow the media in counting Brown out quite so fast;he ½ at this point but that could change fast.

I.Kennedy-his flaws are obvious-personal life, personal morals(girlfriends, wife, MaryJo etc), lack of accomplishments in the Senate, liberal record(even he said that he'd love to run against his record), lack of any real policy differences with Carter, poor speaking voice and style. However he is a media star. He's got the media in his camp. Also the rpimary schedule works in his favor. New England where he's strong comes first. If the southern primaries had been first up it would be a lot harder. His strategy has got to be as follows. Sweep New England huge, run a respectable second in the southern primary bloc(Florida, Georgia, Alabama) and then polish Jimmy off up north in Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, and Pennsylvania where the media, liberals and Catholics combined can give him a knockout. If it goes beyond this the nomination could be worthless for him even if he won. He cannot afford a blanket Protestant defection to the GOP in November- the south plus the west forces virtually a sweep in the industrial states for a demo win.

II.Carter-he's beginning the writeoff of the early rpimaries. Carter's the challenger here regardless of who holds the White House. His strategy has gotto be a variation on Ford in 76-go the distance-take your delegates where you find them-rub the luster off the challengerwhile avoiding the wipeout. Its not liekly to work but its like having a 14 center power in Dippy; even if the board stabs you, you go down slowly.

III.Brown-he's a better campaigner than anyone's giving him credit for. If the race began with NY&PA that wouldn't matter-he'd be swamped by \$ and organization. But it begins in Iowa and NH-small states that can be barnstormed. Jerry's key is (A)his dedicated cadre of organizers, supporters from the antiNuke movement &(B)the Muskie syndrome-Kennedy doesn't jsut have to win;he has to win BIG. A 40-35-25 finish in NH could probably finish Ted before he started. Brown's got to run strong seconds and wait for Carter to fold. If Brown and Carter between them have a majority Brown could be in the nominee in a true suicide spite finish.

IV.The Oswald Factor-there I've said it. Right now every borderline psychotic in the US and Canada is out oiling his 30-30 waiting for the safe commuting distance. I'm not wishing this on the man but it is a factor in the campaign that we've got as a frontrunner of our largest party the biggest clay pigeon in presidential history. If he goes, who is helped-Brown on the emotional level-Carter's the enemy. Carter on the logical level-the Kennedy people fear and distrust Brown-indeed, Jerry's fast start was one of the key pressures forcing Kennedy out this early. Likely if the bullet comes early enough in the primary season, you'll see everyone and his brother become a favorite son while waiting for lightning to strike. If it's late, there may be a stabdard bear annointed by the family-Schreiver or Carey seem most likely.

234 E 19 St., Brooklyn, NY 11226
25 October 1979

JOHN BOARDMAN (GRAUSTARK)

BB #47 arrived today. Your advice to new Gamesmasters about duplicating facilities is a good idea. I have seen any number of hopeful new 'zines blitzed when the publisher graduated, or a college or business firm cracked down on private use of the Xerox.

I am dismayed to see all the slips of the typer which I made in my letter. I tend to write in first-and-only draft, and I seem not to be the world's most careful proofreader. But I assure you that I do know the difference between "idea" and "ideal".

This brings us, by a natural association of ideas, to Margaret Gemignani's letter. "Frogendra" is a favorite spelling of hers; I've encountered it elsewhere. But she's presented us with a few more gems. It's a pity that her words don't exist; maybe I can think up some definitions for them. Let's see...

"Published": Embarrassed, as if by exposure of the public regions. "Cheryl Ladd was published when High Society printed nude photographs of her."

"Nobdoy": Dimwit; knucklehead. "Did you ever hear about the nobdoy who was so stupid that he thought Tricky Dick is a venereal disease?"

"Progandra": Publicity in support of a person or idea; opposite of "Antigandra".

"Positons": The elementary particles of stupidity, discovered at the Indian Point nuclear reactor in 1977 while an anti-nuclear demonstration was going on outside.

And we old-timers still fondly remember the postal Diplomacy game for which Gemignani sent "Summer 1901" moves!

CURTIS GIBSON

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((Excerpt from a note printed elsewhere))

I intended to touch on another subject, too. The IDA has not been as useless as you seem to think. It has undertaken a number of valuable service efforts, and quite recently put out a good ~~directory~~ directory of nearly 1000 Diplomacy players' addresses!

But its disease of soul can be cured only if it takes that remedy I stated, drastic and united outlawing of GMs guilty of gross abuse of their players rights. And that is all it would take, for full recovery and a great future!

((No, I think they need to find some warm bodies willing to fill the spots and then maybe even take some action now and then. A good (or even not-so-good) Orphan project would be a useful service, even if just maintaining two lists, orphaned games on one, new or other seeking GMs on the other, at one address. I heard about the directory project, but that was all. Where do I get one? I know "Bernie Oaklyn" must have bought one... The IDA certainly HAS undertaken a lot of useful projects—it once had an orphan games project—but now it can barely keep a quorum, while its last president openly denounces it. Its first order of business is to try and exist, and go from there. It is struggling at that. To ask it to police GMs when it can't barely maintain its own staff is unrealistic.)) J.M.

((Curtis has another letter in this issue in his longhand script, as he requests. To read it, just remember that t=the, tt=that, ts=this, and mainly, a squiggly "y" at the end of a word is shorthand for "ing". It's not really as bad as it looks. Oh, and K.B. means Konrad Baumeister (EGGNOG). Give it a try once.))

J.M.

I was angered that you did not print my previous letter. Using the name of a supposedly real person is one of Boardman's favorite tricks. I wouldn't be suprised to find out that he has published under the name of Tretick just to set up his current scheme. But, lets be specific about Boardman/Reinsel or whatever its name is;

THE BEGINNINGS OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY

Postal Diplomacy was established by John Koning, John McCallum, Don Miller, Hal Kaus, and a few other good people. The hobby was further developed by the efforts of Bob Ward, C. von M., Rod Walker, and several others. Boardman did nothing to help and, in fact, did as much harm to the hobby as he could.

The first Graustark game was intended to be a joke and was used as filler for a degenerate amateur press mailing. If he had known how much money he could get for it, he would have waited for bigger game fees and let someone else publish the first game.

The second Graustark^{game} did not begin until after a half dozen honest gamesmasters had started games. At that point, Boardman should have disappeared from the hobby, but, very sadly, he saw how much money he could make out of it and has continued to publish, always for a substantial profit, of course. Boardman was never capable of being the father of any-thing.

BOARDMAN LOVES FRAUD

Alan Calhammer, the inventor of the game, and one or two other innocent players entered the 2nd postal game (in the original Ruritania published by Dave McDaniel a.k.a. Ted Johnstone - this poor chap published some novels but soon died from an accident in my apartment). Boardman/Reinsel and McDaniel/Johnstone conspired to have a third party play three different positions under three different fictitious names. Alan, and the other innocent players tried in vain to correspond with these fictitious people. Calhammer was only narrowly defeated but he has never played since. That was just the first person Boardman drove out of the hobby. How many other good people has he caused to drop out of it in disgust since then?

2-1-1979

Steve Cartier

Reply to Cartier

((I don't recall receiving any earlier letter, although I may have some time ago and simply mistook it for commentary on a letter or article and let it go as that. Reading through this, I get the feeling I'm missing something...))

J.M.

Column below is courtesy of Lee Kendter, WHY ME?

NEED A GAME????

This list of current game openings is published by Lee A. Kendter, 4347 Benner St., Phila., PA. 19135.

If you are interested in a sample of any of these 'zines it suggested that you send the publisher a 15¢ stamp.

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Openings in reg diplomacy. Sub 12/\$5.00, Gamefee \$.300

The Dragon and the Lamb; Steve McLendon, Box 57066, Webster, Texas, 77598 Openings in reg Diplomacy. Sub 10/\$4.00, Gamefee \$1.50

Eggnog; Konrad Baumeister, 11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners, Wis, 53130 Openings in reg Diplomacy. Sub 10/3.50, Gamefee \$2.00

Emhain Macha; Michael Mills, 3457 Makyes Rd., Nedrow, N.Y. 13120 Openings in reg Diplomacy. Subs 12/\$4.80, Gamefee \$2.00

Canal Dregs; Jack Frost, RR4 Box 138-B, Lockport, Ill 60441

10 day deadline reg Diplomacy. Gamefee \$4.00 (subzine to Brutus Btn)

Why Me ?; Lee Kendter (address above) Subs 10/\$3.50, Gamefee \$3.00

Volkerwandering; K. Arnett, 1500 Waterway Circle, Chesapeake, Va. 23320 openings in reg Diplomacy. Sub 10/\$4.00, gamefee 3.25

Anyone wishing to have a copy of this list may have one for a 15¢ ssaa
All publishers who wish to be on this list are urged to contact me.
I will not keep you on this list unless you request it.

Special noteto all publishers. Requests to be on this list have been almost nil lately. Therefore, I did not publish a list for almost two months. I would like to do this monthly, but if I get no request. to be on it, nor any requests for it, I will have to do a list as the demand warrents.

NYC - 10/25/1979
c/o A1 176 Lexington, NYC 10016

Bru. Bull. #47 came today, so interesting, I've already read it letter section + a lot more. At least it letters are heap big fun, eh wot?

Peggy shd get a prize for most effectively revealing what happens to the K. B. type of rascal. They get conned by other rascals. If K. B. wasn't fooled by Cahlyn-Tretick, wch he's given her to understand he was, then he's bn hooked into aiding O-T in the campaign of gyp + fakery (+ his aid succeeded with Peggy). It doesn't take much to fool her, so we can only hope she needs no more to teach her tht K. B. is a liar most of the time, wch all we who know him has learned in the past.

Nice to see K. B. doesn't like your persecute O-T. Crookshall get a sinking feel see other crooks publicly flogged. The reason criminals, even rapists + murderers, have bn treated so gently in the last few decades in U.S. is tht living in luxury + selfish schemes so much of our population has suffered from a guilty conscience, realizing tht if a crook gets punished, they too deserve some lashes. The % who are truly righteous in both thought + deed has dropt, just in my lifetime, from 20% to 5%, I guess. But actually it has bn more an erosion of standards than of personal merit. And as standards crumble it takes a lot more character to stay decent + honorable than before. It was easy 100 yrs. ago.

I don't think I told Boardman about most of my troubles with Burke, only what was directly pertinent in his hi-handed actions against my right to communicate with players in 9th Circle. I agree with Tn.B. tht most of the religious scene is ridiculous to an uninvolved observer. But there is dynamite, + fire, underneath. Sects + cults are islands in an everglade swamp, + the irreligious are the alligators + turtles between, content, but when the swamp dries up they'll perish. If the goblins don't get you this

Halloween, Mr. Boardman, & ufo nauts will later on. Wakeup! You laugh at & wrong things, buddy! And I bet th retirement home gets K.B. before it gets me.

Incidentally, John, you erred in quotg me. I said Burke's guest GM job deprived all but K-B (Kemper-Blevins) & you interpreted it Konrad Burenmeister.

Anyone as intelligent as K.B. wd instantly see th X-game is done all & time. Every added encounter with a past opponent & (or ally) becomes an exercise in X-gaming, which simply treats another player in what way you think his conduct in your other game makes advisable. But because Burke, & others who dislike my emphasis on reap, what you sow, start up a theme of anti Cross game, hypocrisy 100%, simply to be Contra-Gibson, & may be stupid enuf to believe their folly, K.B. joins in it because it's anti-Gibson.

Most police over-react to many 'troublesome' persons or groups. But I am not & rigid sort. My condemnation of GM abuse of power, & favoritism, is on principle, & do I have to waste a lot of words pointing out th Burke, Rowland, Davis, etc. have many fine qualities, so th my condemnng their crimes wd be palatable to all & rich softies in & lobby? Most felons can be shown to have a lot of good elements in their character, but that is entirely irrelevant to justice. The wronged must be avenged! When America began to relax its insistence on individual accountability for their conduct, c. 1920, then crime rate steadily rose, & is still rising, & only ruin & awful suffering will teach to such era its folly & change its self-destructive course.

My I.Q. was tested 4 times, 1922, '35, '38, '53, i.e. in grade school, 2 colleges, & by U.S. govt test center at Salt Lake City. One college kept & result secret, so & results were 160, ?, 160, & 163, in order. At S.L.C. it was a 'general aptitude test', given to c. 10 at once, over 3 hrs. I got 160 in mechanical, 160 percept'l logic, 166 verbal, in & 3 one-hr. parts. As mechanical dexterity is not I.Q. I average parts B & C only. Curt Gibson (they said I scored & highest ever tested in & Rocky Mtn states)

JOHN BEAMER

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I was interested/amused at seeing Claudine's notes, with the brief description of her whirlwind visit to my city by the bay. I must confess that I am not a native, having moved to the area some eight years ago, but I am surprised by the limited view of the city which is seen by the visiting tourist. I honestly believe the last time I was at Fisherman's Wharf was about four years ago, when a friend of mine was visiting from Lansing. I do confess to eating in Chinatown, rarely, for lunch; but I'd like to point out that it is only due to the fact that it is within walking distance from my office in the Financial District. Seafood at Fisherman's Wharf is invariably overpriced and mediocre in quality. The food in Chinatown is usually Cantonese (not really suitable for a person raised on more meaty fare) and is also less than outstanding. In fact, I think the best value in a Chinese restaurant is about ten blocks down the street from my apartment, not even close to Chinatown! Oh well, at least Claudine knew enough not to call it 'Frisco.

The city is filled with vast quantities of decent restaurants that are struggling to make ends meet. Any of these enterprises would be a genuine hit in places where there is little competition, eg. Moore, OK; Midland, MI, etc. but they all seem to congregate here and succeed in making certain they all survive on a subsistence level. The only restaurants which do not have to be good are the tourist mills at Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli, Chinatown, etc.

((The Pizza Hut in Moore isn't too bad, and Long John Silver's is OK for a change of pace now and then. Other than that, no, there wouldn't be any competition here. What Moore really needs, though, is a good Dunkin' Donuts.))

((This is an excerpt from John's letter, to which he received a personal reply in addition. It was also good to learn that the more well-known, if less than desirable, San Francisco denizens are limited pretty much to 3 specific areas, not just scattered city-wide, "although they all seem to work here at Dean Witter". Sounds like an interesting place, although Claudine has also started talking about Greece and the Virgin Islands of late. Don't ask me how she expects to get a free hop to Greece, altho the VI might be a possibility.))

ERIC KIRCHNER

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I graduate from pilot training here on Dec 20, so things are starting to wind up. We had to put in our assignment preference sheets last week. I'm going for fighters since I'm qualified. With a LOT of luck I could even get an F16! Andy McMahon is in my class and he's trying for a c-130, which is a tactical cargo plane if you're unfamiliar with AF stuff. Wish us luck—the personnel people try, but sometimes the assignment process seems pretty much like a random process. Roulette wheel or something like that.

PS Del Rio is a haven for super right-wing types. We have two in particular who are regular writers to the editor in our local newspaper. I suspect that even you couldn't handle their ideas. Solar energy is a plot to cripple our industry, the drive for bi-lingual education is part of a conspiracy to form a one-world socialist government, and inflation is deliberately caused by traitorous officials to ruin our economy. Etc., etc. Seems everything that is a problem in the US could OBVIOUSLY be solved with Birch-type solutions. Since our elected officials don't "solve" the problems in these "obvious" ways, they must not want to solve the problems at all. They instead want to create more problems! They're traitors! They're working for a one-world government of tyranny! Conspiracy! I just can't handle this line of thought—it strikes me as pure paranoia. Why can't these people admit that our government leaders

Kirchner, cont'd

are merely in disagreement with the John Birch Society. Sigh. I've written several times to our local paper presenting a more moderate viewpoint and laughing at the "conspiracy" nonsense. It does no good—about 2 dozen Birchers write in over the next week and roast me. (Well, maybe not two dozen, but enough). I'll bet you anything that what's-his-name, the guy who writes to BB in barely intelligible form, will reply to this—he strikes me as sharing some extreme attitudes.

((You've hit on the biggest albatross around the conservative cause's neck. All too many of the ~~hard-core/rights~~ most motivated people are unable to conceive of the notion that other people think differently. All the troubles in the world are due, not to wrong ideas or different outlook, but must instead be "obviously" due to secret organizations, conspiracy, and commie infiltration. Of course the people who DO favor one-world gov't and such are naturally drawn to the given causes, and their names on a contributor's or organizers listing lends just enough credence to the "plot" view to keep them going. Such mindless and knee-jerk reactionism is what turns off the vast (if apathetic) majority, and is (to me) the prime reason why no one right of center is ever a candidate for anything, and indeed, no one ever even will espouse anything much different from the call of the Left. The actual-candidate types that therefore represent the Right are reduced to being simply less ardent supporters of the Leftist policy of everything-for-everybody-for-nothing. They can only offer less-of-everything-for-almost-everyone-for-just-a-small-payment. Thus a real Liberal will call for vastly increased Medicare payments; a Conservative will call for only a small increase. No one has the guts to say that the only way to make medical bills palatable or possible for working people is to DISBAND government medical welfare. Any "conservative" who fails to offer just watered-down liberal policies is "controversial" and therefore not eligible for serious consideration. Like the Birch Society. It's a shame.

After 4 yrs active and 5 in the Guard (Air Guard), I remember all that a little, but the audience may not. You'll be safer in the F16 than Andy in the C130, as you'll be able to get away faster and avoid ground fire far better. (Meaning a little longer, presuming the airbases aren't nuked just before war broke out, as I'd do.) Also, it is my AF background that I base my response to Costikyan on, altho I know that AF officers are different from most services in 1. having a job to do, and 2. officer status in the AF is more a pay classification than a command one, unlike the Army or Marine Corps, e.g. With 3 AF officers in the audience, I expect some response to my Costikyan response in BB47, unless possibly none read it. Not unheard of...))

JOHN BOARDMAN

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(responding to a note with a copy of Peggy Gemignani's letter printed last issue)

I am not surprised that Margaret Gemignani should have bought the "Oaklyn isn't Tretick" hoax. That woman is undoubtedly the dumbest thing to come along in Diplomacy fandom (and science fiction fandom and fantasy fandom and medieval fandom - as you might expect, she started out in comic book fandom). As you certainly know by now, she cannot write a simple English sentence without major errors in spelling, grammar, and syntax. She once accused George Scithers (now editor of Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine) of publishing dirty poems in his fanzine Amra. She once tried to submit "Summer 1901" moves in a Diplomacy game. In fact, I understand that the American Eugenics Association and the Society for the Preservation of the English Language have a joint project to make sure that Margaret Gemignani never meets Herb Barents.

As for Konrad Wauwaumeister - well, a few years ago he was jerking tears in the Empire letter column for the poor misunderstood Nazis. I printed his letter, but I flanked it with rebuttals from a Czech and a Jew. He stopped writing me on the subject.

(Of course, Gemignani may just be quoting Baumeister incorrectly. She's good at that.)

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It is easy to say, as you do in your last letter, that Andre Bridget "would do well in a real job". If by "real" you mean "private sector" - well, where are they? It was not a Great Statist Plot that put the public sector where it is. It is just that, for about 50 years now, there have been needs that the private sector has been unwilling or unable to meet, and the public sector has at least tried to meet them. It wasn't "your business-managed American light and power companies" (as the ad has it) that electrified the farms - it was the Rural Electrification Administration. First the private sector contracted. Then the public sector expanded. This happened 50 years ago, and it seems as if the private sector has learned nothing since.

Those "Oaklyn packets" of yours may be a bit excessive. I suggest that you limit them to a summary of the things that are going on, and inform readers that photostatic documentation of your claims can be sent if the reader is interested. I keep getting bales of FdLdDs from Tretick too, but who pays attention?

I'll pass your offer on to Graustark readers in #407.

Speaking of excrescences on the fringes of postal Diplomacy, Rod Walker is making a nuisance of himself again. He seems unable to comprehend that the "apology" which I told Tretick to sign is satire. Of course, Rod doesn't have a very good sense of the ridiculous; if he did, he'd have never converted to either homosexuality or Roman Catholicism. (Has The Life of Brian got out your way yet? If it has, what is the local reaction?) At any rate, Walker has an awful lot of apologies to make before anyone will ever take him seriously again.

("Brian" has been condemned by the local evangelist and devil fighter, Larry Jones, and his people are picketing the one first-run theater that's carrying it so far. His people vow to show 'em that love and faith in Christ are not dead here like those evil NY types seem to think. Then the TV people interviewed patrons coming out, and they said they didn't see it had anything to do with Jesus. I don't know what the papers said, as I seldom read them anymore. I think the fundamentalist opposition will do wonders for the attendance, as I half thought about going see it myself before it gets banned. However, I personally don't find Monty Python to be at all funny, just disgusting, kind of like a Don Rickles writing film scripts.

Your idea on the Oaklyn packets is well taken. Perhaps just a copy of Berch's article from DD 5/79 would suffice as an introduction. Also, a full packet is starting to push the 3 oz limit.

Your example of government effort is a good one: it illustrates one of the reasons government exists. However, government growth over the past few decades is less a function of serving people's needs than a function of empire-building for promotions and positions in the mindless papershuffling empires packing the federal buildings all across America. We just created a 13th Department, Education: why? Are Americans incapable of learning without federal "guidance"? Can't schools teach without a Washington cabinet agency to set up their 4-year-plan? The vast majority of federal employment exists to serve only the needs of people drawing or wanting those green Treasury checks, not the needs of normal people. In fact, the former are one of the biggest problems today for the latter.)) J.M.

CURTIS GIBSON

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Your copied, double-weight BRUTUS BULLETIN #35 (Mar 17, 1979) came yesterday, OK, thanks for the generous effort. I've looked at it some and find some very interesting items.

For example, the press by Uli Baumeister in 79E, which sounds just like Konrad Baumeister, nasty and contemptuous. My own style is severe and abrasive when polemic, as I feel strongly about any case of right and wrong, but I'm the same about almost anyone to their face as when I'm sure they'll never hear it. Arrogance in Germans alternates with nice, super-friendly dog-licking stuff if they think you need flattery to get them 'in good'. To a true American, that is the nearest to an insult one can get, practically announcing "I think you're an egotist who needs buttering up".

LETTERS

Gibson, cont'd

After a few generations in America that German slime dries off. But much slower in regions predominantly German, like Milwaukee's. In Colorado Hartwig it's hardly detectable, only in his liking or tolerating the stuff from Konrad Baumeister.

I see that 79E isn't in the recent issues of BB, so I guess it ended early, in a win for Frost-Austria ((right)) whom Uli Baumeister was so sure couldn't get either. Frost is a veteran of GRAUSTARK games, where much of the highest quality play in the hobby has been going on for years. I watched some of them (Frost's) back in early '76 when I entered my first, in GRAUSTARK, 1976BV. I played Germany, lasting 10 years, constantly fighting Russia, and part time every power but France. Some of my best friends have been Germans, and are still, even arrogant ones. I know they can't help being that way, and always make allowances for anyone's background. It's a wolf race, and there are all kinds of wolves, but they all lick, and all are predatory too. If you can keep one from getting too hungry, it may not eat you. Even the German shepherd dog is often wolfish. Those whose eyes are not deep brown are most dangerous. A whiff of blood on you and they may automatically turn killer before they can stop to think! I wouldn't have any dog around, but only a fool would want one of those, or one of those harebrained Dobermans.

((I know you'd prefer I print these without retyping, and as a rule, I will; however, because of your comments, I want to send a copy of this to the mother of an old friend whose ideas about Germans are remarkably like yours. Years ago, when I was in high school and college in Milwaukee, her son and I would sit around arguing with her many a time, and I'm sure she 'll be interested in the above. Her son and I, all pure Polish all the way back 4 generations, were keen on military history ca. WWII, which of course is basically all Germany. Thus we seemed to be on the 'enemy' side, which made for many an amusing and entertaining shouting match. (More amusing now in retrospect than then in fact, though). I do remember her opinions of Germans, though, and so I've taken the liberty of retyping your letter for easier perusal by one not used to it.

Frost won in fall, 1908, due to an unexpected taking of Rome, and Uli survived by being able to retreat to Norway that Germany vacated by an unexpectedly successful order of F Nwy-NWG that had been meant only to cut a support. That was my first 10-day-deadline special, and was a lot of fun to GM.

I know a lot of people in the audience look to your letters just as a source of wild and nutty stuff, or humorous for some reason or other, but something odd comes to mind with regard to all this 'wolf' stuff. Some author once mentioned how Hitler seemed to have something about Wolves: all his HQs were so named ("Wolfschance", "Wolf-schultz" etc.) and in his beggar days, he used the alias "Herr Wolf" on occasion. Odd coincidence.))

J.M.

JACK FROST
(excerpt)

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... I like the letters column best. It's fun reading all the wacky ideas people have.

((Wacky ideas? You mean to imply you don't agree with Bill LaFosse's concrete proposals?))

PCR SALE: Assorted wargame zines, about 8 or so, no S&Ts or Generals, mostly Campaign, Fire & Movement, Persue & Destroy, etc. \$2.50 postpaid 4th class. Write editor. Issues are reasonably current ones.

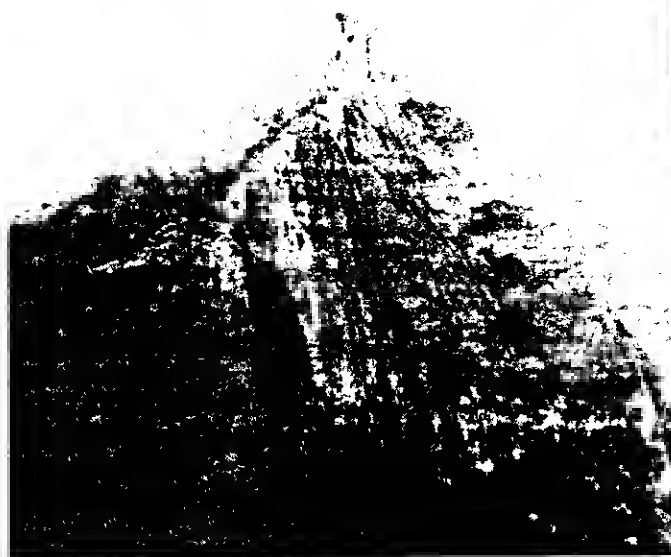
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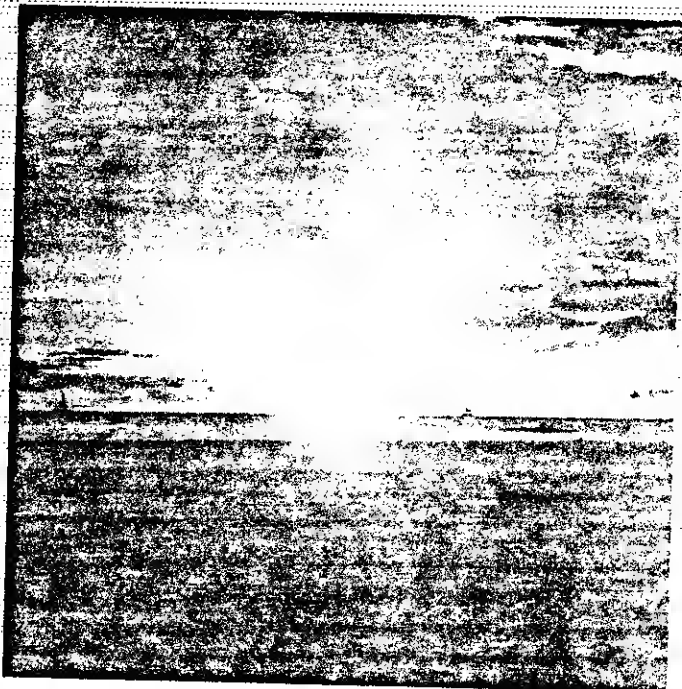
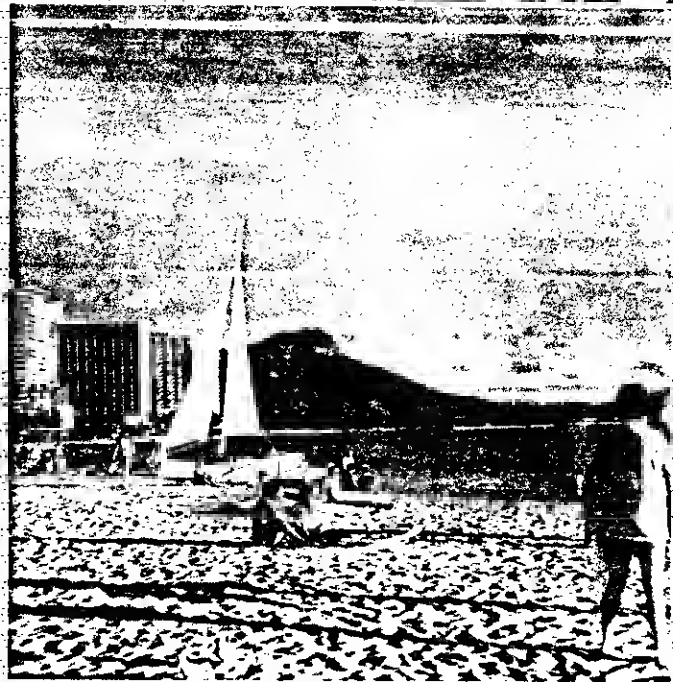
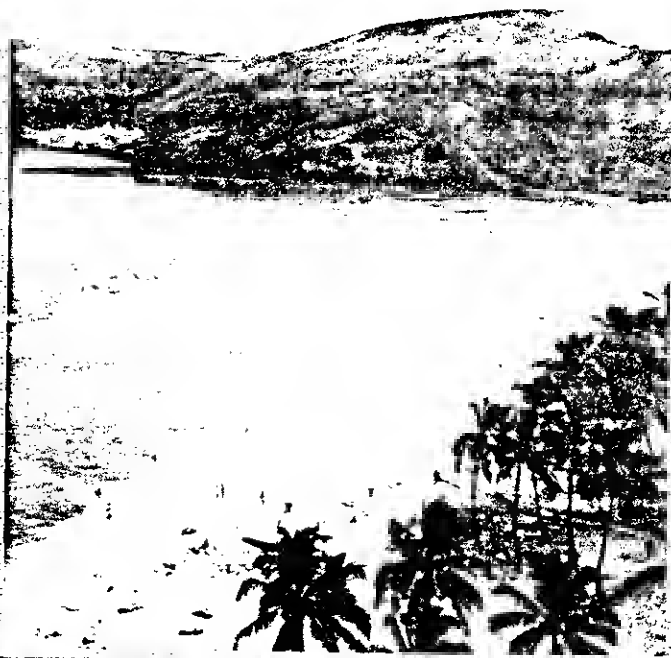
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A few random shots from the collection Cluadine brought home from her recent escapades there.

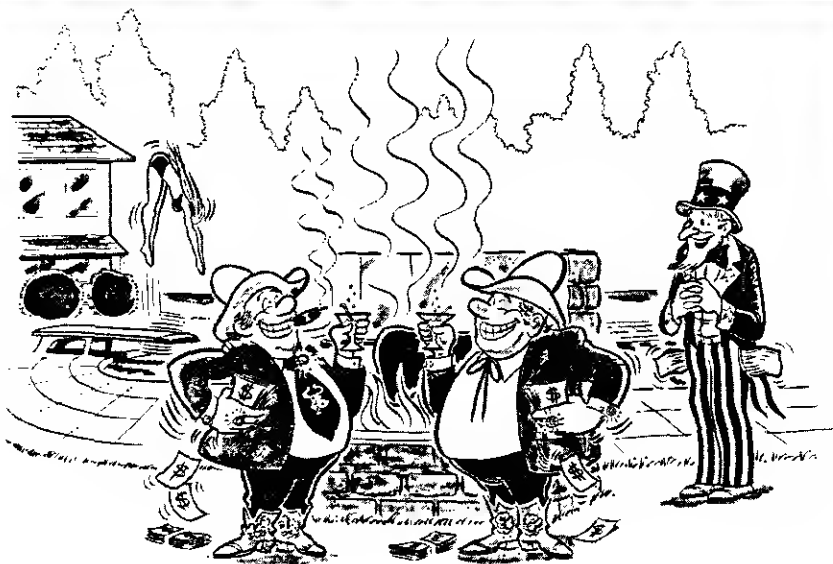


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Bureaucratic Blunders



The Small Business Administration has approved a \$5,000 disaster loan for the Rock Creek, Texas, Barbecue Club to help pay for a new roof over the club's outdoor dining area which collapsed during a recent ice storm. The Rock

Creek Barbecue Club is located on land owned by former Grand Prairie, Tex., mayor Curt Wagoner, and its membership includes a number of prominent Dallas County politicians, two county commissioners and several judges.

(Ronald Dunn)

Remember the \$145,000 U.S. Department of Interior grant to install a wave-making machine in a specially designed double Olympic-sized pool in Salt Lake City, Utah [Bureaucratic Blunders, April 1979 CD]? Believe it or not, the DOI bureaucrat who awarded the grant indignantly claims that the Interior Department did not waste tax dollars because the money for this gadget did not come from the taxpayers but was paid out of revenues received by the Treasury under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act! That act siphons off some of the government's take from royalties, rentals and bonuses to the DOI's Heritage, Conservation and Recreation Service. Who would be dumb enough to suggest that this is taxpayers' money?

(Terrence H. Murphy)

Over the past 10 years a special Small Business Administration program has advanced \$137 million for staff or equipment to some 3,400 minority small businesses to help them survive, and only 30 of these firms are still in business, less than one percent.

"They just dished out contracts willy-nilly to any firm they thought could handle the contract," said William Cherkasky, staff director of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business, which has been investigating problems with the SBA. "They never worried about whether the business would be viable at the end of that contract."

(Harold B. Johnson)

A college rock music radio station last December received \$107,000 in federal funds to boost its power so that 2,000 percent more people will be able to hear its programs. The station, KSBR of Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, Calif., will go from an estimated 20,000 listeners (within its old three-mile broadcasting radius) to an estimated 470,000 (in its new 14-mile radius).

(Ben O. Olsen)

Law Enforcement Assistance Administration regulations are requiring that Lincoln County, W. Va.'s new jail have individual, carpeted rooms for each prisoner, each with outside windows with a view. And there can be no bars on the outside windows. Vandal-proof plumbing, regarded as essential in most jails, also cannot be installed under the federal rules. The open design of the jail—large recreation areas are required—also will require the hiring of at least four additional full-time deputies at a cost of about \$48,000 a year over the present payroll.

(Ben W. Block)

President Carter's "lean and austere" fiscal 1980 budget has set a new record. The \$531,566,000.000 in spending works out to more than \$1 million a minute.

(Charles R. Lorenz)

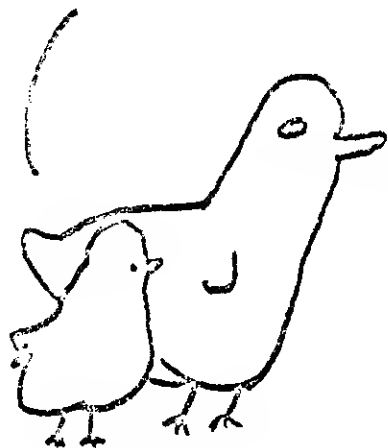
Recent federal research grants include \$30,933 for a study of "Orientation and Movements of Free-Swimming Green Turtles" (to Leonard C. Ireland of the Bermuda Biological Station for Research); \$46,900 for a study of "Ultrastructure of the Ear in Fishes" (to Arthur N. Popper of Georgetown University); and \$35,000 to study "Mating Behavior and Sexual Selection in Scorpion Flies" (to Randy Thornhill at the University of New Mexico).

(Marjorie Blackman)

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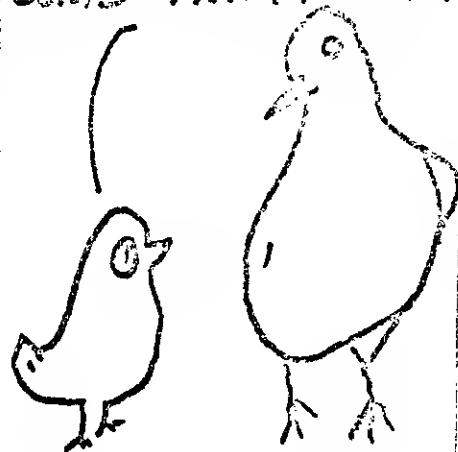
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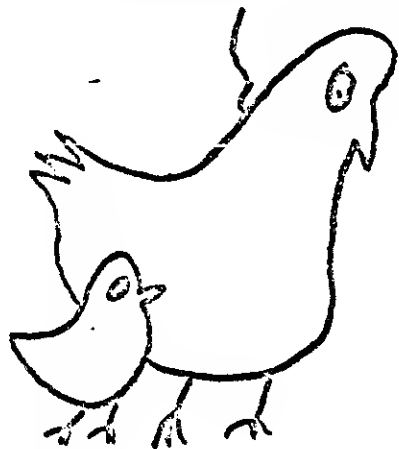
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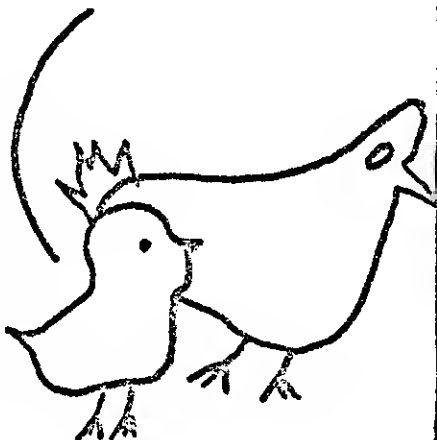
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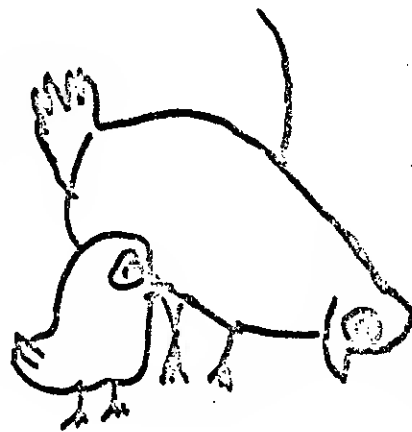
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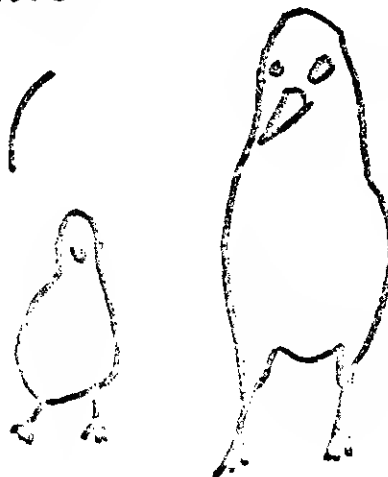
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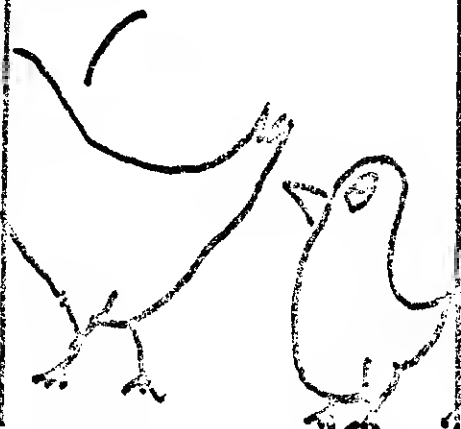
No, EGGS ARE
LAID.



ARE PEOPLE
LAID?



SOME PEOPLE
ARE, OTHERS
ARE CHICKEN.



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